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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PREPARES FOR POTENTIAL FLOODING

RESIDENTS REMINDED TO CHECK STORM INLETS

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) is monitoring the weather forecast and preparing for a potential rainfall that could lead to flooding as a result of Hurricane Isaac and its remnants. For the remainder of the week, DPW will fill sandbags for Marion County residents that can be picked up at 1725 S. West Street on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. DPW may extend the hours, depending on the amount of rainfall. Residents are limited to 25 sandbags per household.

Today, DPW crews will be clearing storm inlets of trash and debris located on public property throughout the city. According to City Code, it is the responsibility of the property owners to clear debris from storm inlets located on private property. Clogged inlets keep water from draining properly and can cause flooding of streets and yards.

DPW crews also are inspecting all flood gates in the county to make sure they are operational and in the correct position to help control potential flood waters.

Home and business owners should:

- Maintain swales and ditches, including roadside ditches, by mowing to 8 inches or less and keeping them free of fill and other debris.
- Work with neighbors to clear brush, debris and other blockages from neighborhood creeks and ditches.
- Keep storm inlet grates clear of debris, trash and leaves.
- Make sure driveway culverts are free of debris, in good repair and set to proper elevation so that water does not back up.
- Call the Mayor's Action Center, 327-4MAC, to report illegal dumping in waterways.

To report drainage problems, residents and business owners should notify Citizens Water at 631-1431. For more information about the city's storm water program, visit www.indy.gov/dpw.

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